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In Re Application:

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Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 09/938,801

Examiner: Hutson, Richard G.

Filed: August 24, 2001

For: **CHEMICALLY MODIFIED MUTANT
ENZYMES AND METHODS FOR
PRODUCING THEM, AND SCREENING
THEM FOR AMIDASE AND/OR
ESTERASE ACTIVITY**

RESPONSE

**Mail Stop – Amendment
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Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for screening chemically modified mutant enzymes for amidase and/or esterase activity comprising:

modifying an enzyme thereby creating [providing] a chemically modified mutant enzyme with one or more amino acid residues from an enzyme being replaced by cysteine residues, wherein at least some of the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen in the cysteine residues with a thiol side chain;

contacting the chemically modified mutant enzyme with a substrate for amidase and/or a substrate for an esterase; and

determining whether the chemically modified mutant enzyme exhibits amidase and/or esterase activity.